

2016 Governor's Award For Environmental Excellence

Recipient - Subaru of Indiana Automotive

IDEM manages the Indiana Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence to recognize exemplary environmental practices. The award is open to all Indiana facilities, state and local units of government, individuals, and technical assistance organizations that implement outstanding environmental projects with measurable results. Nominations and applications submitted to IDEM are reviewed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from industries, environmental organizations, educational organizations, and government officials.

Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. (SIA), was awarded Indiana's highest environmental distinction, the Indiana Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for 2016. "SIA's focus on sustainability has expanded and improved every year, and the company's voluntary pollution prevention efforts have contributed toward an improved environment for Hoosiers," said IDEM Commissioner Carol S. Comer. "IDEM is proud to recognize SIA for implementing cleaner, more efficient fleet management processes that extend beyond the footprint of its Lafayette facility."

About Subaru of Indiana Automotive

Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. (SIA), a subsidiary of Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd., is the home of North American Subaru production. Models built at the Lafayette, Indiana plant include the Subaru Impreza, Legacy and Outback. SIA employs over 5,500 Associates, and every Associate is committed to quality, safety and environmental stewardship. An industry leader in environmental stewardship, SIA was the first auto assembly plant in America to achieve zero landfill status, and SIA's entire 832-acre site has been designated a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. SIA's community outreach programs include providing charitable contributions and corporate sponsorships, hosting charitable events on-site, donating vehicles and vehicle parts to educational institutions and encouraging Associate volunteerism, which supports hundreds of non-profit organizations and schools throughout Indiana annually. For more information, visit www.subaru-sia.com

SIA has continuously demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence when the company was named the first U.S. automotive manufacturer to achieve zero landfill status to obtaining its ISO 50001 Energy Management System certification. Historically SIA's efforts have focused on direct operations within the facility's footprint; however, representatives from the company's materials department recognized the opportunity to take SIA's commitment to sustainability outside the facility to positively impact a greater area.

SIA worked with its parts delivery provider to convert a substantial amount of company fleet from diesel to compressed natural gas. This conversion achieved substantive results including reducing the company's fuel and maintenance costs while also lessening carbon dioxide emissions by more than 74,000 tons.

SIA officials were presented with the engraved trophy during a ceremony at the Indiana Partners for Pollution Prevention quarterly meeting hosted at SIA's Lafayette facility in December of 2016.



Photo L-R: Chris Roesel, SIA Materials Management Specialist, Michelle Long, SIA Assistant Manager for Environmental Compliance and Energy, Carol S. Comer, IDEM Commissioner, Tom Easterday, SIA Senior Executive Vice President, and Mike Harmon, SIA Senior Manager of Materials